Statement-III

Details of the project submitted by the State Government of Mizoram for ''upgradation of Lengpui airport'' for funding under NLCPR scheme

Item of works	Estimated cost (Rs. in crore)
Upgradation of Ground infrastructure facilities Installation/improvement of electronic landing aids and navigational aids.	50.93

MoU for legal migration

*323. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry and the International Organization for Migration signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the project ''Regional Dialogue and Facilitating Managed and Legal Migration between Asia and the European Union'';

(b) if so, the details of this scheme;

(c) in what manner this would be helpful in reducing illegal migration to European countries;

(d) the modalities of legal help to be given to migrant workers; and

(e) to what extent European Union has responded to management of immigration in their own countries?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (e) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) for implementation of the project ''Regional Dialogue and Programme on Facilitating Managed and Legal Migration between Asia and the European Union (EU)''.

The project is sponsored by European Union (EU) and covers 10 Asian countries (Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam; for some activities Afghanistan) and 5 European countries (Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain and U.K).

The project is aimed at facilitating development of legal migration, enhancing regional cooperation on legal migration management, reducing irregular migration, enhancing placement capacity amongst recruiting agencies and dissemination of information relating to employment opportunities and procedures to intending emigrants.

The project will seek to promote and facilitate legal migration of Indian workers to the European Union through a wide range of activities including training at the

national level for the potential workers and recruiters, preparation of a national manpower profile for overseas deployment, enhancing the quality of technical training and certification, establishing a model migrants resource centre to provide information to potential Emigrant workers and an information campaign to create awareness among potential migrant workers on the risks of illegal migration.

The Project also envisages a pilot placement programme between India and the five participating EU countries.

As present, the vast majority of the semi-skilled/skilled workers from India go to the Gulf countries for employment. This project will help diversify India's overseas employment destination base to a region where considerable employment opportunities are expected to emerge in the ensuing years.

The Ministry has been taking several measures to address the problem of illegal migration including introducing e-governance, revamping the recruiting agency system, liberalization of the migration policy regime etc. This project will be a part of the Government's efforts to reduce illegal migration to the European Union and facilitate legal migration. It is expected that in the medium to long term all these measures will help and reduce the problem of illegal migration from India.

Allotment of Janta flats in Narela

*324. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the huge delay in completion of paper work and other formalities in the allotment of Janta flats in Narela and other areas under DDA 1996 Scheme;

(b) whether the allottees are yet to be given possession in several cases;

(c) whether despite submission of all documents, allotment of flats in Sector A-6, Pocket-II remains to be done as DDA is yet to issue a conveyance deed;

(d) by when these allotments are likely to be made; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that there is no delay in completion of paper work and other formalities in allotment of Janta flats in Narela and other areas under DDA.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) DDA has further reported that the conveyance deed papers have been issued in cases, where payments, along with the prescribed documents, have been submitted by the allottees.

(d) and (e) DDA has further reported that allotments have been made to 18347 out of 20,000 registrants and there is a backlog of only 709 registrants under the scheme. DDA has prepared an action plan for allotment of flats to these wait-listed registrants by September, 2007.